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SUBJECT: IEA TRANSCRIPT REVIEW PROCEDURE

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1. DEPARTMENT FULLY SYMPATHETIC WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED
REFTEL BY POST AND VEBA OFFICIALS. WE ARE WORKING WITH
FEA TO EXPEDITE THIS PROCEDURE BOTH TO FORWARD TRANSCRIPTS
ON A MORE TIMELY BASIS, AND TO GROUP THE TRANSCRIPTS FOR
A PARTICULAR SERIES OF MEETINGS.

2. ALL COMMENTS OF FOREIGN OIL COMPANY OFFICIALS ARE
BEING HELD CONFIDENTIAL AND ARE CLASSIFIED AS SUCH.

3. WHILE WE ARE SEEKING A MORE WORKABLE SOLUTION TO THE
PROBLEM, WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEND ONE TRANSCRIPT PER
AIRGRAM, BUT WILL ATTEMPT TO CLUSTER AIRGRAMS. FIVE TRAN-
SCRIPTS WERE SENT WEEK AUGUST 2 AND TWO MORE (IAB
SUB A APRIL 21 AND IAB SUB A MAY 11) WILL BE SENT WEEK
AUGUST 9.

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4. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES POST'S ASSISTANCE WITH WHAT IS OBVIOUSLY A VERY CUMBERSOME REQUIREMENT. FYI - WE ARE TRYING TO GET EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT WILL BE TAILORED

SPECIFICALLY TO THE PROCESSING OF THESE IAB TRANSCRIPTS AND WOULD HOPEFULLY SIMPLIFY PROCEDURES FOR ALL CONCERNED. HOWEVER, UNTIL FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED E.O. IS KNOWN IT SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH THE COMPANIES. WE WISH TO AVOID A SITUATION IN WHICH COMPANIES POSTPONE FURTHER REVIEW OF THE TRANSCRIPTS IN HOPES OF OBTAINING QUOTE BETTER TERMS AND END QUOTE AT A LATER DATE. UNTIL WE HAVE SUCH AN E.O. IN HAND WE ARE NOT TELLING THE COMPANIES OF OUR EFFORTS. HABIB

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